Rail facilities from Puri to New Delhi.

1297. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rail facilities available from Puri to New Delhi are inadequate; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to improve the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE]N THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) 3 pairs of Express trains provide direct rail service between Puri and New Delhi/Hazrat Nizamuddin. These are considered adequate for present level of traffic.

(b) Does not arise.

Production of couches and wagons

1298. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to increase the production of Coaches and Wagons; and

(b) if so, what are the targets set for their production during Eighth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Capacity of the Integral Coach Factory, Madras is being stepped from 1000 coaches a year to 1150 coaches and of Rail Coach Factory at Kapurthala from 750 coaches a year at present to 1000 coaches by 1993-94. Wagon building is in private or public sector and the existing capacity is sufficient.

(b) Eighth Plan has not yet been finalised.

Irregular running of trains to and from Assam

1299. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the factors responsible for irregular running of trains to and from Assam on broad gauge lines even during accident free, days; and

(b) what measures Government propose to sake to improve the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY" OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Law and Order situation in Assam Area.

(b) Maintaining coordination with State Government.

Trains between Tirupati and Delhi

1300. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAK RAVARTY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the inconvenience caused to a large number of pilgrims visiting Tirupati every day due to inadequate railway facilities;

(b) whether it is a fact that trains between Tripuati and Delhi are inadequate and sometimes without first class compartments; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to introduce a daily train between Delhi and Tirupati for the benefit of pilgrims ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) Four pairs of trains having ail types of accommodations including I class coaches, connect Delhi with Gudiir from where sufficient connecting trains are available to Tirupati. 2525/2526 New Delhi-Trivandrum Kerala Mangala Express and 6687/6688 Mangalore-Jamtnu Tawi Navyug Express stop at Renigunta, 10 kms. away from Tirupati. These services are adequate for the existing level of traffic between Delhi and Tirurti

(c) No, Sir.

Doubling of Patna-Gaya line

1301. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will trie Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether (here is any proposa! under Government's consideration to connect the Patna-Gaya line from single line track to double line track keeping in view its, tourist/pilgrimage and religious importance; and

(b) if so, by when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Construction of new railway line in Andhra Pradesh

1302. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct a new railway line from Peddapaiii-Karimnagar-Sangareddy-Patancherun in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Parallel B. G. line from Kurnool to Secunderabad

1303. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal for laying of a parallel broad gauge line from Kurnool to Secunderabad in South Central Railway;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c; if not, what are the reasons therefor *

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Constraint of resources.

Metro Railway system

1304. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the routes on which metro railway system is operating in the country at present;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to add metro rail system especially in Bombay and other metropolitan cities; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Two sections, via Duni Dum-Belgachia and Tollyganj-Esplanade of underground Metro Railway Project at Calcutta are presently under operation.

(b) and (c) There is no approved proposal with the Railways to provide underground Metro Railway system in any other city. However, a feasibility study for mass rapid tranit system for Delhi, which includes 27 km of underground metro railway, has recently been got conducted by Delhi Administration.

राजस्थान में बर से बिलाड़ा तक रेल लाइन

1305. श्री भंवर लाल पंवार : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार राजस्थान में बर से बिलाड़ा तक नई रेल लाइन बिछाने संबंधी परियोजना, जिसकी मूल अनुमानित लागत दस करोड़ रुपये थी की बढ़ी हुई लागत को वहन करने का विचार रखती है ; और

(ख) क्या सरकार ने बीकानेर से जोधपुर तक बड़ी रेल लाइन परचैल रहे कार्य को देखते हुए जोधपुर को दिल्ली से अजमेर होते हुए सबसे छोटे मार्ग से सीधे जोड़ने के लिये रेल लाइन बिछाने के कार्य में कोई प्रगति की है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) बर से बिलाड़ा तक नई रेल लाइन के निर्माण की परियोजना एक स्वीकृत कार्य नहीं है । इस लाइन के सर्वेक्षण को अद्यतन करने का कार्य शुरू कर दिया गया है । आगे निर्णय करना सर्वेक्षण के परिणामों तथा आगामी वर्षों में संसाधनों की उपलब्धता पर निर्भर करेगा ।

(ख) इस समय ऐसे कार्य का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है ।